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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/004,191	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HOCHMUTH ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Kee M. Tung	<b>Art Unit</b> 2671	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 May 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 37-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 37-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5/23/05 has been entered.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 37-39, 43-45 and 50-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schmidt et al (The interactive performance of SLIM: a stateless, thin-client architecture, hereinafter "Schmidt").

Schmidt teaches a system for displaying image (page 33, Fig. 1), comprising a display device (such as, consoles) communicatively couplable to a network (interconnection fabric) and adapted to display the image, the display device comprising: a display network interface (page 34, section 2.1, Based-T Ethernet connection and page 35, section 2.3, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, network interface) operable to receive graphics image data of the image from the network (page 35, section 2.3, 1<sup>st</sup>

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paragraph); a display frame buffer (page 35, section 2.2, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, local frame buffer) operable to store the received graphics image data; and a display refresh unit (page 35, section 2.2, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, refreshing the display from local frame buffer) operable to read the graphics image data from the display frame buffer and display the image. Therefore, at least claim 37 is anticipated by Schmidt.

As per claim 38, Schmidt teaches a display network interface port (inherently by the teachings of interconnection fabric of Fig. 1 in order to receive data over the network).

As per claim 39, Schmidt teaches the display network interface port is selected from the group consisting of an Ethernet port, an infiniband port, and a wireless network transceiver (page 34, section 2.1, Based-T Ethernet connection).

As per claim 43, Schmidt teaches the display device is adapted to display the image via at least one of an element selected from the group consisting of a CRT, LCD, TFT, LED and an organic polymer (is inherent to replace the display device of Fig. 1 to any one of the display device on the listed without required any skill).

As per claim 44, Schmidt teaches the display network interface of the display device adapted to receive the graphics image data from a remote source device via a plurality of packets (Page 35, section 2.2, UDP/IP transmission between servers and consoles).

Method claims 45, 50 and 51 are similar in scope to system claims 37, 43 and 44, and thus are rejected under similar rationale.

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System claim 52 is similar in scope to system claim 37, and thus is rejected under similar rationale.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 40-42, 46, 47, 49, 53 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmidt et al (The interactive performance of SLIM: a stateless, thin-client architecture, hereinafter "Schmidt") in view of Belt (5,974,471).

The teachings of Schmidt are given in previous paragraph of this office action. However, Schmidt fails to explicitly teach or suggest the display device further comprises a display decompression unit. This is what Belt teaches. Belt teaches a computer system having distributed compression and decompression logic (codec 172) for compressed data movement (title and Fig. 1). The codec (172) in the device preferably compresses the data before transferring the data onto the bus. The receiving or destination device includes codec logic which receives the compressed data and decompresses the data before used or stored by the device (abstract). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the present invention was made to combine the teachings of codec of Belt into the system of Schmidt in order to provide increased efficiency and reduced bus bandwidth requirements as taught by Belt

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(abstract). Therefore, at least claims 40-42, 46, 47, 49, 53 and 54 would have been obvious.

6. Claim 48 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmidt et al (The interactive performance of SLIM: a stateless, thin-client architecture, hereinafter "Schmidt") and Belt (5,974,471) as applied to claims 45 and 46 above, and further in view of Torborg, Jr. et al (5,936,616 hereinafter "Torborg").

The teachings of combined system of Schmidt and Belt are given in previous paragraph of this Office action. However, the combined system fails to explicitly teach or suggest the compressed and decompressed graphics image data stored in different portions of the display frame buffer. This is what Torborg teaches. Torborg teaches a display controller that maintains a shared memory 142 comprising both a decompressed cache (VFB cache) used to store a decompressed portion of the frame buffer, and compressed memory used to store compressed subregions of the frame buffer (Fig. 6, col. 9, lines 39-43). The invention provides the advantages of reducing memory requirements in computer display architectures because the display image is stored in compressed form, and reducing the memory bandwidth requirement access the display image since it requires less bandwidth to transfer compressed data as opposed to decompressed data as taught by Torborg (col. 3, lines 14-22). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the present invention was made to have implement the console frame buffer as comprising both compressed portion and decompressed portion as taught by Torborg in order to conserve storage and reduce memory bandwidth. Therefore, at least claim 48 would have been obvious.

***Response to Arguments***

7. Applicant's arguments filed 5/23/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

There is no particular argument regarding claims 37-54.

***Conclusion***

8. All claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the application prior to the entry of the submission under 37 CFR 1.114 and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the application prior to entry under 37 CFR 1.114. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** even though it is a first action after the filing of a request for continued examination and the submission under 37 CFR 1.114. See MPEP § 706.07(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kee M. Tung whose telephone number is 571-272-7794. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday - Friday from 5:30 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ulka Chauhan can be reached on 571-272-7782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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